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KITCHEN PRAYER

Dear Carolina Homemaker:

Enclosed you will find 10 cents for "My Kitchen Prayer."

I enjoy reading **THE CAROLINA FARMER** so much. Also the "oooh" so good recipes. . . .

Mrs. Lester O. Grubb
Rt. 1
Denton, N. C.

Dear Carolina Homemaker:

Please send me "My Kitchen Prayer."

I enjoy **THE CAROLINA FARMER** very much. Just wish it came more often.

Mrs. Gertrude Hensley
Rt. 2, Box 60
Green Mountain, N. C.

Dear Carolina Homemaker:

The "Kitchen Prayer" was an eye-catcher right off. I hope you will add other well-known poems.

Could you make prints available of "The Night Before Christmas," "Abou Ben Adam" and "The Legend of the Dogwood"?

One of my hobbies through the years has been to make scrap books of expressive poems. Your

November (1962) cover with an autumn poem is an example. Framing adds another field.

Mrs. Robert B. Bowles
Rt. 3
Mt. Gilead, N. C.

Dear Carolina Homemaker:

Please send me "My Kitchen Prayer."

We like the little **CAROLINA FARMER** very much. I especially look forward to reading it, and also some of my favorite recipes.

We are members of Blue Ridge EMC. . . .

Mrs. Carres Austin
Rt. 2, Box 303
Taylorsville, N. C.

Dear Carolina Homemaker:

Enclosed is 10 cents for which I will appreciate very much the "Kitchen Prayer." And I do thank you so very much as I am 80 years old and still able to make cakes and all kinds of good things. I have an electric stove, thanks to the good Lord and also the rural electric folks.

I will sure be proud of the prayer to put on the wall. And may the good Lord bless you all.

Mrs. Beulah Fisher
Rt. 1, Box 560
Hope Mills, N. C.

Dear Carolina Homemaker:

Please send me your "Kitchen Prayer." I think it is the most beautiful one I've ever heard. Also would like to tell you how much we enjoy **THE CAROLINA FARMER**. We like every page of it.

Mrs. Jimmie Whaley
Pink Hill, N. C.

Dear Carolina Homemaker:

I am enclosing 10 cents for postage and handling of my 8 by 10 reproduction of the "Kitchen Prayer."

As a farm wife and mother of two active boys, I appreciate the recipes and helpful hints in **THE CAROLINA FARMER**. Please continue your good service to those of us who depend on the services of and help from our rural electric membership cooperative. The Roanoke Electric Membership Corporation serves our area well.

Mr. Lindsey B. Chamblee
Rt. 1, Box 111
Aulander, N. C.

Dear Carolina Homemaker:

Please send me an 8 x 10 reproduction of the "Kitchen Prayer."

I enjoy **THE CAROLINA FARMER**, especially the Homemaker's page. Also the recipes.

Mrs. Charles H. Byers
Rt. 6, Box 190
Statesville, N. C.
(Davie EMC)

These are some of the comments that we've been getting along with orders for "My Kitchen Prayer" which have been rolling in at a pace calculated to give the postman back strain. We appreciate so much the many nice things our readers are saying. To Mrs. Bowles: As soon as we uncover Jennie Layne from under that stack of Prayer orders, we'll talk to her about making similar offers. Right now, though, she needs a chance to catch her breath. To Mrs. Fisher: We're certain the good Lord will bless you. To all the rest of you: Many thanks for your kind words.—The Editors

Dear Editor:

The cover picture of the August issue of **THE CAROLINA FARMER** surely is Looking Glass Falls in Pisgah National Forest near Mt. Pisgah.

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There are two kinds of people in the world, I'm told — those who save things, and those who don't.

Me, I save everything. I discovered this the other night at home while looking for something I had saved, but couldn't remember just where I'd saved it.

Here's a partial list of what's left after my search prompted me to make a token attempt at throwing things away:

- Practically every letter I've ever received, including Christmas cards for the past four years.

- One dresser drawer nearly full of socks that (a) need darning, (b) haven't got a mate, (c) have shrunk so badly I can't get them on, and (d) have such out-

landish colors that I wouldn't be caught dead in them (and don't ask me why I bought them in the first place).

- A couple of hangers full of neckties that are soiled, out of style, or that match some of the socks mentioned above (a dreadful thought).

- At least 200 wire coat hangers that, I'm convinced, are mysteriously reproducing themselves at an alarming rate in the darkness of my closet.

- Three or four boxes filled with assorted books, pamphlets and essays that I may or may not ever read.

- At least three pairs of worn-out shoes and another couple of pairs that I don't wear because they hurt my feet.

- Three sets of twin-bed sized sheets, which I never use because I haven't had a bed that size for several years.

- Somewhere in the neighborhood of 40 or 50 back copies of various issues of THE CAROLINA FARMER (scattered throughout a six-foot stack of other old magazines, including five copies of the South Dakota Conservation Digest).

- A large can of assorted nails, screws, bolts, picture hangers, buttons, safety pins and common pins.

- A double-breasted tuxedo — a hand-me-down from a friend — that I've never had the occasion to wear.

- Name badges from roughly 60 meetings I've attended in the past few years.

And that's just what was left over after I started throwing things away!

Anyway, the reason I brought all this up is that I'm determined to find a way to get rid of some

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MANY HAPPY RETURNS



... More than four million, as a matter of fact, in this tenth year of life for N. C. Farm Bureau Insurance.

We started business ten years ago this month. There was \$325,000 in the bank, money invested by Farm Bureau members all over the state.

Through 1962, that money had multiplied more than twelve times. Your Company had assets of \$4,125,346 at the end of last year, compared to \$2,820,511 a year earlier.

"Well, Happy Birthday to us; but how about liabilities?" you say.

Sure, we've got liabilities, in the exact amount of our assets. The happy part is that \$2,049,151 of the assets are in your policyholders' surplus fund. And that's \$1,016,328 more than was in the surplus fund at the end of 1961.

It's easy to see our business is growing. That's simply because we're in the growing business, like all farm enterprises. We're looking forward to many more happy returns in the next ten years. Won't you join us in growing to meet your insurance needs?

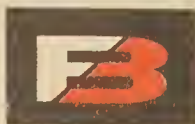


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COVER—This time of the year, the beaches—as the saying goes—are “for the birds.” In this case, it’s a couple of lonesome gulls shopping around for lunch. They were snapped at their task by Photographer Ralph Mills, who by now must hold some sort of record for the number of photos he’s had on our cover.

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How to Write Letters and Influence Congressmen

The commercial power companies are missing no tricks in their stepped-up battle against rural electrification. The latest addition to their arsenal of weapons is a motion picture called “The Power Within.” This movie, being widely shown across the country, depicts rural electrification as a menace to “our rights of private enterprise.”

After each showing, a power company representative makes a few remarks—including these (taken from a sheet called “Concluding Remarks for ‘Power Within’”):

“My associate has just placed before you several items—a pen, paper, a stamped envelope, and a brochure outlining what is believed to be an effective solution to the problem. Also on the sheet are the names and addresses of several of our legislative representatives. There is also a sample of a letter that has been written before about this very same problem. Here is your opportunity to take five minutes of your time . . . five minutes to help protect a way of life for all future generations . . . simply by making your views known to your congressman.”

The sheet also has a few asides to the speaker of the above words: “*Sample letters—should be on various colored and sized stationery and handwritten. This will give members of your audience an ‘authentic’ guide; yet, because it looks as though it is an actual letter someone has written, avoids the chance of copying and standardized letters coming from your audience to any one congressman. This will allow the action obtained to appear spontaneous to the recipient and not as though it were a planned, concerted effort by any one interested group. . . .*”

Nevertheless, that’s just what it is: a planned, concerted effort by one interested group. Most congressmen, thankfully, are perceptive enough to see through this veiled “spontaneous” campaign. They’ve had lots of experience with the slick tactics of the power companies.

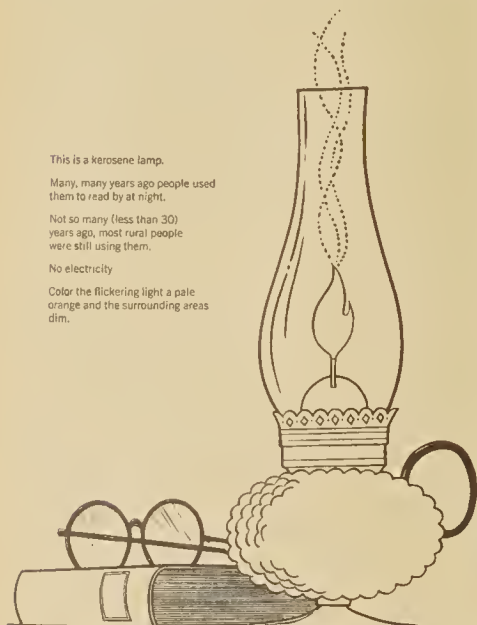
And remember that it’s you and your cooperative that are being attacked as “Un-American.” You can play the letter-writing game, too. Your congressman might enjoy a truly spontaneous letter with your thoughts on the subject.

THE FRONT PORCH

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of the things that are collecting here in the office.

I'm going to start by offering—**FREE**—on a first-come, first-



This is a kerosene lamp.
Many, many years ago people used them to read by at night.
Not so many (less than 30) years ago, most rural people were still using them.
No electricity
Color the flickering light a pale orange and the surrounding areas dim.

Color Book Page

served basis, copies of an Electric Co-op Coloring Book (see illustration on this page of one page of the book).

I've rescued some 50 sample copies of the book from the wastebasket a couple of times. Besides not being able to bear the thought of throwing away something perfectly good, I thought I might find a suitable use for them some day.

So if you've got a youngster in the family (or like to color yourself), drop me a note. First 50 letters get a free coloring book.

If Assistant Editor Jennie Layne can get rid of 1,000 Kitchen Prayers in a week, I ought to be able to unload 50 coloring books.

MAIL BOX

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I was born and reared near the entrance to the Pisgah National Forest and have been to the Looking Glass Falls a number of times. My husband has been there with me and he also says it is Looking Glass Falls. Standing on the left near the bottom of the falls facing the falls, a rainbow

may be seen in the mist near the lower part of the falls when the sun is shining.

The picture made me homesick. I also love the rocks and plants on the right of the falls.

Mrs. Louise Walton
Ash, N. C.

GERTRUDE

Dear Mr. Pence:

I am a reader of your piece "The Front Porch" in THE CAROLINA FARMER. I enjoy reading it very much each month and think it is very interesting.

I would like to have an original drawing of Gertrude. I also look forward to seeing it in THE CAROLINA FARMER, which I enjoy reading a lot.

Madge Groves
Rt. 1
Gastonia, N. C.

And we enjoy letters like that one. Your Gertrude original will be forwarded to you shortly, along with those to others who requested a copy.—Dick Pence

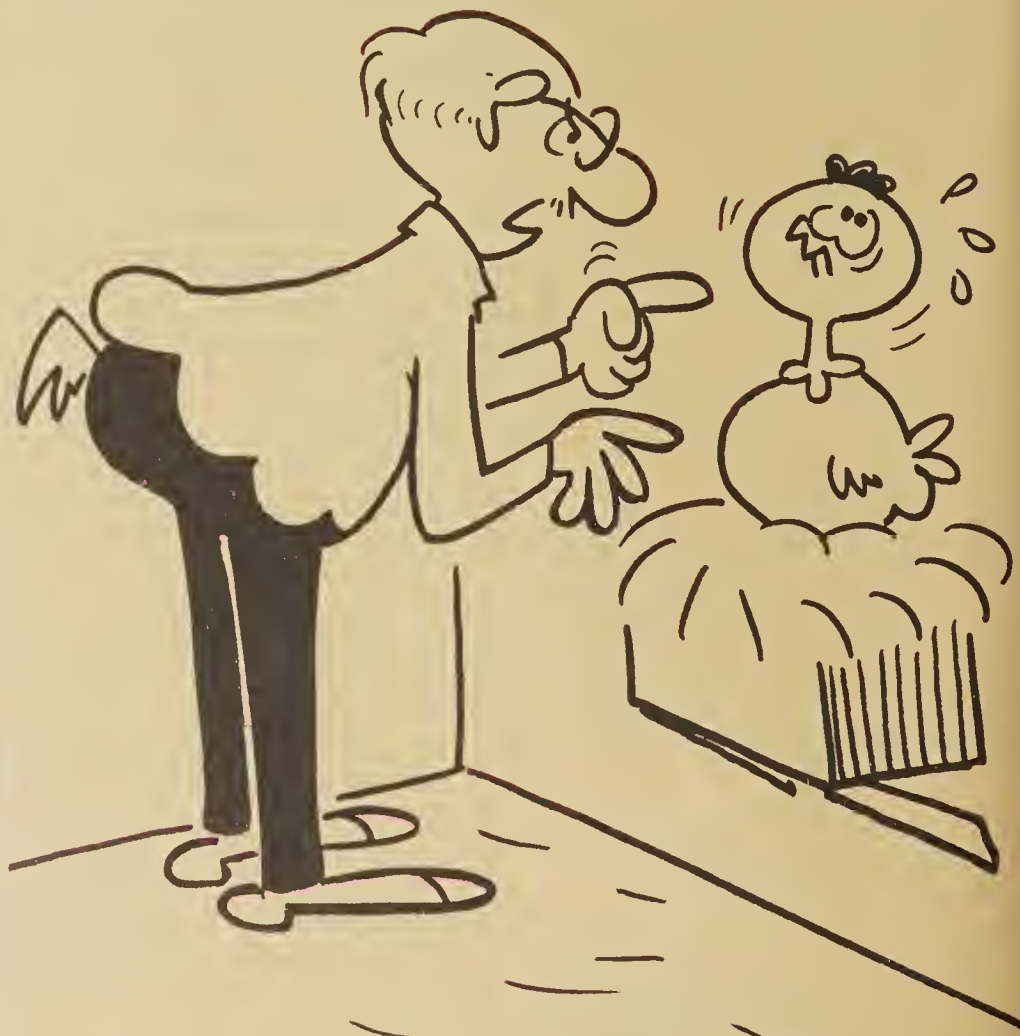
BEST SERVICE

Dear Friends:

I always enjoy the Kitchen Corner recipes, and look forward to receiving our copy of THE CAROLINA FARMER each month. My husband and I operate a small grocery store on Badin Lake and serve the many people that have summer homes around the Lake. We have had the best electric service from Davidson EMC. Our praise to this company is the highest.

Mrs. Ben F. Humble
New London, N. C.

GERTRUDE by Ted Trogdon



"... And if my wife doesn't get an egg for my chocolate cake, we're going to have chicken pie instead!"



TARHEEL RURAL LINES

reports on events of importance
to rural electric co-op members

By J. C. Brown Jr.

THE N. C. STATE Grange and the N. C. Farm Bureau Federation strongly supported the rural electrification program in policy statements adopted at their annual conventions.

Among the Farm Bureau policies adopted was one endorsing the cooperatives' capital credits system of handling margins. The president of the American Farm Bureau, Charles Shuman, last summer recommended that capital credits be abandoned in favor of a stock ownership plan. The rural electric cooperatives disagreed with Shuman on the grounds his plan could channel the benefits and control of the co-ops into a few hands.

The N. C. Farm Bureau adopted the resolution endorsing capital credits at its annual convention in Durham, Nov. 11-13. The Grange had previously adopted a similar resolution at its meeting in Statesville, Oct. 23-26.

THE FARM BUREAU also enacted policies supporting the "principles of REA," legislation to prevent duplication of electric facilities, the right of cooperatives to generate and transmit their own power when necessary, the right of co-op membership to determine whether or not to sell their systems, and continuation of the N. C. Rural Electrification Authority's responsibilities in regard to electric membership corporations.

The Farm Bureau rejected a resolution calling for increasing REA interest rates to the average cost of money to the Federal government. In other power matters, it spoke out strongly against bonded rate increases without a public hearing, and asked Congress to continue "to preserve the original principles of the TVA program." It also endorsed a tax study of rural electric systems. Such a study was sought by the co-ops in the last General Assembly, but successfully opposed by the commercial power companies.

In other action, B. C. Mangum was reelected president.

THE GRANGE came out solidly in favor of the Rural Areas Development program, including Section 5 REA loans, which have been under fire by REA critics. The statement, in part, read: "We support the use by REA of its Section 5 loan authority where required and where no practical alternative sources of financing are available to expand rural economic opportunity."

Highlights of the Grange policy statements were support of present interest rates on REA loans, maintenance of an effective generation and transmission loan program, and pledges of continued support for legislation to protect co-op interests when lines are annexed by towns, and to prevent duplication of power facilities.

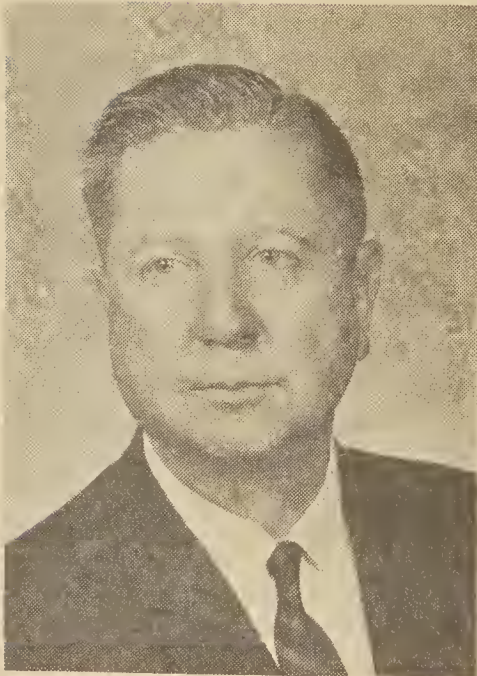
The Grange also instructed the new Grange Master, Mrs. Harry Caldwell, to attempt to bring about meetings of interested parties in an effort to obtain fair solutions to the territorial conflicts between commercial power companies and electric co-ops.

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take firm stand on
rural electric issues

1963 General Assembly

Honor Roll

THE CAROLINA FARMER is continuing this month its Honor Roll of the 1963 General Assembly. In this issue and the next several, we are bringing you photos and sketches of those members of the General Assembly who supported your electric cooperative. We will continue with this series until all 79 legislators who voted in favor of your co-op on each record vote are recognized.



WILLIAM FRANK FORSYTH

W. Frank Forsyth, Democratic Senator from the 33rd District (Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Macon and Swain counties), has been a consistent supporter of rural electrification, as well as a champion of the people's rights in the Nantahala Power and Light Company controversy. He has been a State Senator since 1959.

He was born in Andrews, attended Andrews public schools,

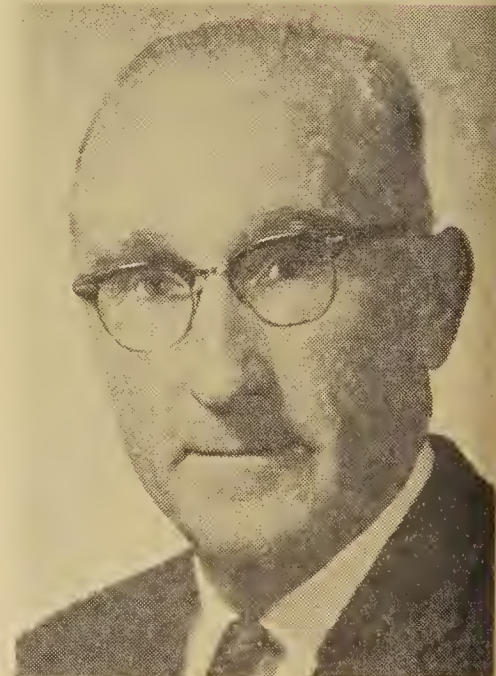
Mount Pleasant Collegiate Institute, and Emory and Henry College. He also took the Executive Program offered at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, attended four summer sessions of the North Carolina Bankers Conference at the University, and the School of Banking in the Graduate School at Rutgers University.

Forsyth lives in Murphy and is executive vice president of the Citizens Bank and Trust Company of Murphy, Andrews, Hayesville, Robbinsville and Sylva.

He is chairman of the Murphy Electrical Power System and chairman of the Murphy Carnegie Library. He is past president of the Murphy Lions Club, former chairman of the Cherokee County Democratic Executive Committee and Cherokee County Infantile Paralysis Committee, and is chairman of the Cherokee County Better School Committee.

Forsyth is a Mason and belongs to the First Methodist Church in Murphy, where he is a member of the Board of Trustees and teaches the men's Bible class.

Forsyth is married to the former Ruth Lail and they have two children.



PAUL DAWSON ROBERSON

Representing Martin County in the 1963 General Assembly's House of Representatives was Paul D. Roberson, a Democrat. He voted in support of rural electrification on all three record votes in the House.

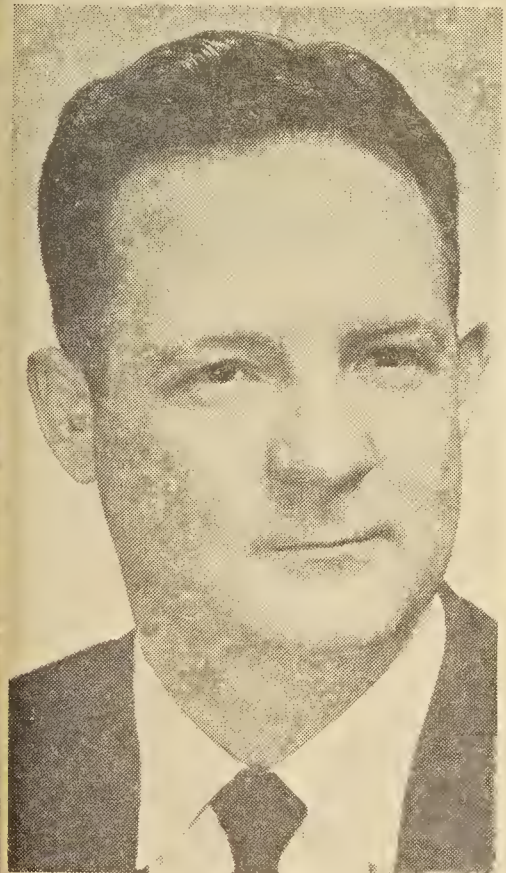
Roberson, a lawyer, was born in Robersonville and graduated from Robersonville High School. He earned his B.A. and M.A. degrees from Duke University and ob-

tained his LL.B. Degree from the Duke School of Law.

He is a member of the Martin County Bar Association; the N. C. State Bar; and the N. C. Bar Association. He is a member of the Board of Managers of the Robersonville Branch, Wachovia Bank & Trust Co.; and a director for the Peoples Savings & Loan Association and Mutual Tobacco Barn Fire Insurance Association. He is also attorney for the Town of Robersonville.

An active member of his church and community, Roberson has served as director and secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, president of the PTA, director of the Jaycees, Boy Scout master and chairman of the Board of Stewards of the Robersonville Methodist Church. He is a veteran of World War II.

He is married to the former Mary Drusila Elum and they have one daughter.



HUGH S. JOHNSON, JR.

Hugh Stewart Johnson, Jr., Democratic Representative from Duplin County, was among the leaders in the fight for rural electrification in the 1963 General Assembly. As a member of the important House Utilities Committee, he championed legislation that would have protected the rights of your cooperative. And on the

floor of the House, he spoke on behalf of bills sought by electric cooperatives and helped to fight off killing amendments.

He was born in Rose Hill and attended Oak Ridge Military Institute, and later Motte's Business School of Wilmington. He is now a retail hardware merchant in Rose Hill.

He is a Mason, a member of the Scottish Rite, the American Legion, and was named the Man of the Year by the English-Brown Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Wallace in 1956.

He has served in the General Assembly since 1956.

Johnson is a Presbyterian and has served his church as a deacon since 1940. He is a veteran of the U. S. Navy during World War II.

He is married to the former Evelyn Furr and they have five children.



MONCIE LEE DANIELS, JR.

M. L. Daniels, Jr., is the Democratic Representative from Dare County. He was born in Manteo and attended Manteo Elementary and High School, and Manteo Business College. He is a partner and manager of Daniels Oil Company of Manteo.

Daniels says he considers the Rural Electrification Act as "one of the truly great acts advanced by a great man . . . Franklin D. Roosevelt.

"Here on the Outer Banks of North Carolina, we have two elec-

tric cooperatives serving some 3,500 people. Many of these today would be without electric service if there were no REA.

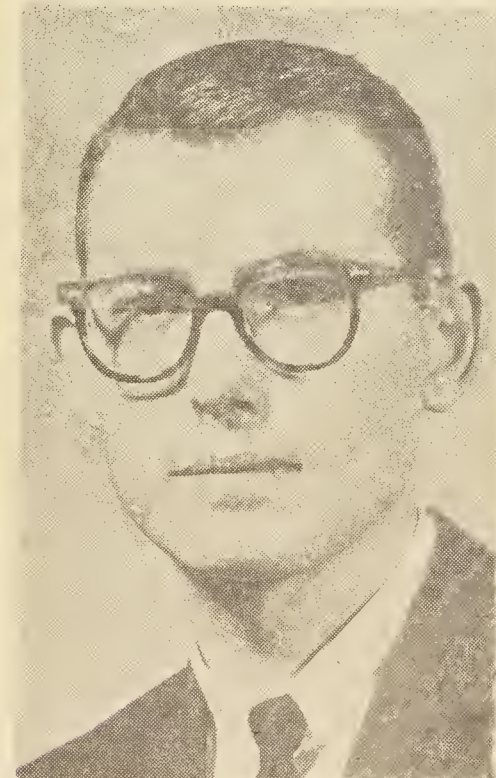
"Needless to say, these people have greatly benefited from the REA—educationally, economically and socially. They certainly are entitled to these advantages the same as their city cousins. . . .

"I know of nothing, in this modern day and time, more important to our public than electric service. I am most happy to have had an opportunity to assist rural electrification in North Carolina. It is my intention to always serve the best interest of my people."

Daniels is a member of the N. C. Oil Jobbers Association, East Carolina Oil Heat Institute, National Oil Fuel Institute and the Dare County Petroleum Industries Committee. He is a past member of the Manteo Town Council.

A Methodist, he is a member of the Commission on Stewardship and Finance and chairman of the Board of Trustees in his church.

He is married to the former Muriel S. Greene and they have two children.



THOMAS S. BENNETT

Thomas Bennett served as Republican Representative from Carteret County during the 1963 General Assembly. He is a lawyer in Morehead City.

He was born in Morehead City, attended Morehead City High School, and later obtained his

A.B. and LL.B. degrees from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Bennett is a member of the N. C. State Bar, the N. C. Bar Association, the American Bar Association and the Carteret County Bar Association. He is also a member of Phi Alpha Delta, legal fraternity, and an Elk.

He is a Baptist and a Sunday School teacher.

Bennett is married to the former Virginia Lou Thompson.



JOHN YATES BAILEY

J. Yates Bailey, Democrat, is the Senator from the 30th Senatorial District (Avery, Madison, Mitchell and Yancey counties).

In the last session of the General Assembly, he voted favorably to electric cooperatives on both record votes in the Senate.

He says: "I supported the electric cooperatives in the past General Assembly and if I should return, I will continue to support the cooperatives because they have furnished electric service to the people in North Carolina who were forgotten by the public utilities."

Born in Green Mountain, Bailey attended Clearwater High School and received his B.S. degree from East Tennessee State College.

Bailey is an active layman in the Methodist Church, having served as chairman of the Board of Stewards and lay speaker. He is a charter member of the Lions Club

in his hometown of Bald Creek.

He is married to the former Virginia Proffitt and they have two daughters.



N. ELTON AYDLETT

Elton Aydlett, Democrat, is one of two senators representing the First Senatorial District (Bertie, Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Gates, Hertford, Pasquotank, and Perquimans counties). He was born at Harbinger in Currituck County.

Aydlett was a member of the Class of 1925 at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and obtained his law degree from that institution in 1926. He is a member of the law firm of Aydlett & White in Elizabeth City.

Aydlett has served as chairman of the Pasquotank County Democratic Executive Committee and is a member of the State Democratic Executive Committee. He has been mayor of the Town of Elizabeth City and director of Kill Devil Hills Memorial Society and the N. C. League of Municipalities. Active in civic affairs, Aydlett has served as president of the Elizabeth City Concert Association, president of the Elizabeth City Chamber of Commerce and president and director of the local Kiwanis Club.

He was appointed by former Governor Hodges as a member of the Trade and Industry Mission to Europe in 1959. In addition, he has served on the State Board of

Higher Education since 1957, and as a trustee of East Carolina College from 1955 to 1957. He has been a director of the Elizabeth City Boys' Club since 1937.

Aydlett was a state senator in the General Assembly of 1955, 1957, and 1961.

A Baptist, he is married to the former Pantha L. Houser. They have one daughter.



LESTER P. MARTIN, JR.

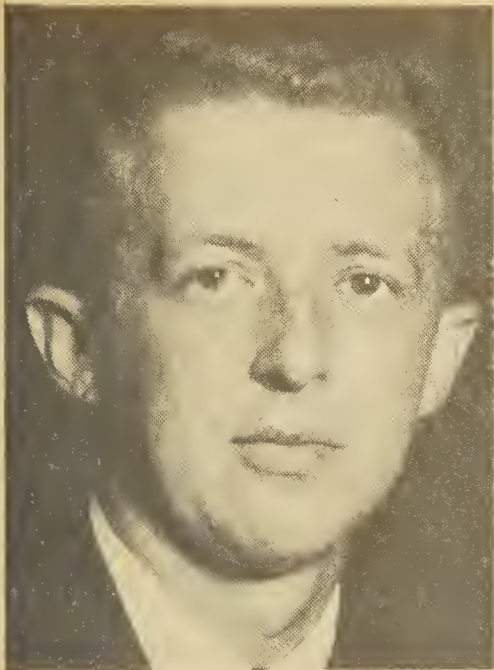
Lester P. Martin, Jr., Democratic Representative from Davie County, was another of the strong supporters of rural electrification in the 1963 General Assembly.

Born in the county seat of Mocksville, he graduated from Mocksville High School and attended Oak Ridge Military Academy and Catawba College. He received his A.B. degree in journalism from the University of North Carolina in 1949 and received his law degree from Wake Forest College School of Law in 1954.

He is a member of the North Carolina Bar Association and the Mocksville Masonic Lodge, AF & AM, No. 134. He has served as Civil Defense Director, Davie County, and is presently attorney for the Town of Mocksville.

A veteran of World War II, Martin has also served with the North Carolina National Guard. He is a Baptist.

Martin is married to the former Elizabeth Weaver and they have two sons.



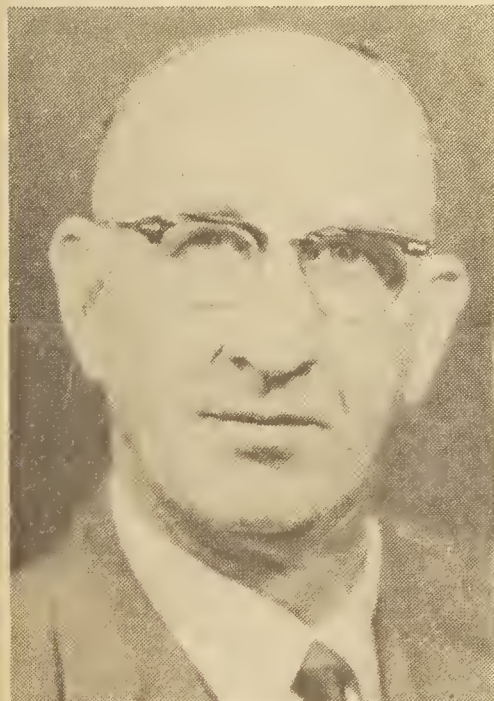
JAMES HOLSHOUSER, JR.

James Holshouser, Jr., Republican, is the representative from Watauga County. Born in Boone, he attended Appalachian High School and obtained his B.S. degree from Davidson College in 1956. He is a 1960 graduate of the University of North Carolina Law School.

He is a member of Phi Delta Theta, social fraternity; and Phi Alpha Delta, law fraternity.

Holshouser is a Presbyterian and serves as a deacon and treasurer of his church.

He is married to the former Patricia Hollingsworth. The couple lives in Boone.



ROBERT AUSTIN JONES

Austin Jones, Democratic Representative from Ashe County, was

***Pictures and sketches
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electrification will
appear next month.***

another of the staunch supporters of rural electrification in the 1963 General Assembly.

He was born in Clifton and now operates an automobile agency in West Jefferson.

He is a director of Ashe Industrial Development Corp., a member of N. C. Automobile Dealers Association, president of Ashe Industrial Enterprises, director of the Ashe County Development Board, and a past member of the Ashe County Board of Education. He is a Mason and an Odd Fellow.

A steward in the Methodist Church, he is married to the former Lessie Halsey. They have one daughter.



CLARENCE LEATHERMAN

Clarence Leatherman, Democratic Representative from Lincoln County, was born in Bessemer City.

He attended Lincoln County Public Schools and graduated from North Brook High School in 1941. He did undergraduate work at Gardner-Webb College and Appalachian State Teachers College

before obtaining his LL.B. degree from the University of Tennessee in 1949.

A lawyer by profession, he is a member of the American Bar Association, the North Carolina Bar Association, the North Carolina State Bar, and past secretary of the Twenty-Seventh Judicial Bar Association. He also belongs to the Lincoln County Bar Association.

A member of the Lincoln County Young Democrat Club from 1956 to 1958, Leatherman served as state parliamentarian and delegate to the National Convention.

Leatherman is a veteran of the U. S. Navy, having served in World War II.

A Baptist, he is married to the former Charlesanna Walker and they have two daughters.



ROBERT L. JOHNSON

Robert L. Johnson, Republican Representative from Alleghany County, was born in Piney Creek and attended high school there.

Johnson has served his party as chairman of the Alleghany County Executive Committee and has been a delegate to the National Republican Convention.

A Mason, he has held all offices in the Piney Creek Masonic Lodge, and since 1952, he has held the post of Master.

Johnson served with the Army Air Corps from 1942 to 1945.

He is a Baptist and is married to the former Anna Ruth Caudill. They have four children.

Nantahala Rate Case:

WESTERN North Carolina customers of Nantahala Power and Light Company won a partial victory last month when the State Utilities Commission finally made a ruling in the Nantahala rate case.

The commission rejected a rate schedule which the company put into effect more than two years ago and directed Nantahala to use a rate schedule prepared by the commission.

The commission also directed the company to make refunds to its customers of the difference between the rates the company proposed and those allowed by the commission, plus 6 percent interest. Refunds must be made by Jan. 1, 1964. Somewhere in the neighborhood of \$1½ to \$2 million will be refunded.

NANTAHALA put bonded rates into effect in July, 1963, that averaged 33 percent more than its former rates. Apparently the new rates will mean only about a 10 percent jump for residential consumers over the rates existing prior to the bonded rate increase.

For instance, residential customers who use 400 kwh, 1,000 kwh, 2,000 kwh, or 3,000 kwh per month will have increases of about 10 percent. Nantahala had sought increases for these brackets, respectively, of approximately 25 percent, 37 percent, 63 percent and 76 percent.

The schedule of rates sought by Nantahala would have raised an additional \$1 million a year for the company—most of it coming from residential and commercial customers. The commission's schedule will raise Nantahala's revenues by about \$684,000 a year. However, Nantahala's parent company, the Aluminum Company of America, will bear about two-thirds of this increase, or \$462,000. The other 16,000-plus customers of Nantahala will pay the remaining \$222,000.

HARRY WESTCOTT, chairman of the Utilities Commission, said that under the schedule Nantahala sought, Alcoa would have borne a portion of the increase, but not nearly as much percentage-wise as under the commission's rate schedule.

The commission's order said the rates proposed by Nantahala were "excessive and therefore unjust and unreasonable," but that the rate schedule prescribed for the company would "enable Nantahala to earn a fair return on a fair value of its property devoted to public use and will constitute just and reasonable rates."

The commission said \$24 million would be a fair valuation of Nantahala's plant, and it held that a return of 4.08 percent on this investment, or a net of \$979,000 would give the company a fair return.

ORDINARILY a rate of return for utilities is about 6 percent. However, this is true in cases where companies finance their plants with both stock sales ("equity" financing) and through the sale of bonds ("debt" financing). Debt financing usually costs a company less than equity financing. Nantahala—since it is wholly owned by Alcoa—is entirely equity financed. The commission took this into consideration in setting the company's rate of return.

In directing Alcoa to bear the lion's share of the rate boost, the commission noted that in 1960, Nantahala sold a total of 429 million kilowatt hours of power for a total of \$2.9 million. It said 175 million of this went to customers other than Alcoa for a total of \$2.2 million, while Alcoa got the remaining 256 million kwh and paid a total of \$766,835 for it.

The commission conducted hearings in the rate case nearly two years ago. They lasted for several weeks. Several towns and counties, granges, and the company's second largest customer, the Mead Corporation of Sylva, joined N. C. Electric Membership Corporation (statewide power bargaining agency for electric co-ops) and Haywood Electric Membership Corporation of Waynesville in opposing the increase sought by Nantahala.

STILL PENDING is a com-

After nearly two years, the State Utilities Commission has made a decision in the Nantahala rate case. Results: About a 10 percent increase for the company's 16,000 customers, Alcoa will have to pay larger share of bill.

Partial Victory

panion case in which Nantahala is seeking to sell its distribution to Duke Power Company. The commission approved the sale, but the State Supreme Court reversed the commission and sent the case back for further proceedings.

A hearing will be held shortly on a motion by those opposing the sale. The motion asks that the case be dismissed.

So there's still no end in sight for the complicated, confusing twin cases involving Nantahala—cases that had their beginning over four years ago.

On Sept. 3, 1959, Duke Power Company and Nantahala Power Company announced an agreement under which Nantahala's distribution system would be sold to Duke. However, when this met opposition in the area, the companies withheld seeking of utilities commission approval.

IN 1960, Nantahala applied to the commission for a rate increase—the one that finally was resolved by the commission last month. The move was considered an effort to lessen resistance to the sale of Nantahala to Duke. The

increase was put into effect under bond on July 16, 1961.

On Sept. 22, 1961, Duke and Nantahala asked the State Utilities Commission for approval of the sale of Nantahala's distribution system to Duke.

Rate increase hearings opened on Oct. 3, 1961, were later recessed so the sale case could be heard, and finally ended on Jan. 27, 1962.

THE SALE case decision, in which the commission approved sale to Duke, was announced on Dec. 17, 1962. The rate case announcement came the last week in October, 1963.

This means that consumers in the area—including two electric co-ops serving alongside of Nantahala—have been steadily fighting the loss of the people's natural resources and rates the governor of North Carolina has called "unconscionably high" for over four years.

How much longer the fight will go on isn't known. So far, Nantahala has not said if it will appeal the rate decision, nor have those who opposed the rate increase.

But for the first time, it appears that the tide of the battle has turned from the side of the power companies to that of the people. The long, determined battle they fought will doubtless have lasting benefits in Western North Carolina. ◀

New Nantahala Rate Schedule

(Residential)

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| First | 15 kwh per month, \$1.40 |
| Next | 25 kwh per month, 5.5¢ per kwh |
| Next | 40 kwh per month, 3.3¢ per kwh |
| Next | 60 kwh per month, 2.2¢ per kwh |
| Next | 860 kwh per month, 1.1¢ per kwh |
| All over 1,000 kwh per month, | 0.8¢ per kwh |

(Minimum monthly rate for two-wire, 115-volt service is \$1.40; minimum for three-wire, 230-volt service is \$2.50.)



Power Company Overcharges Approach \$2-Billion

WHEN THE National Rural Electric Cooperative Association published a study earlier this year documenting that 38 major power companies had overcharged their customers nearly \$1.3-billion from 1956-60, there arose a chorus of indignant denials.

"Absurd on its face," cried one slightly ruffled executive. Significantly, however, the power companies could come up with little evidence to support their protests.

NRECA has now finished studying another 42 power companies to determine if they, like the original 38, have overcharged their customers. As expected, the new group of utilities has collected excess revenues in about the same proportion as those first studied.

THE NEW study of the 42 additional "Class A and B" utilities revealed \$655,448,000 in overcharges. This brings the total overcharges by the 80 companies to a staggering \$1.9-billion during the five-year period 1956-60.

NRECA Economist Ronnie Straw, who compiled both documents, studied the financial returns of power companies that are filed with the Federal Power Commission. Overcharges were based on a 6 percent rate of return on investment and actual taxes paid. The 6 percent figure was selected because it is the generally-accepted standard for a fair profit by most regulatory commissions.

Straw found that every company in the new study had collected revenues exceeding the 6 percent figure. Overcharges ranged all the way from a low of a 6.3 percent return to a high of 10.1 percent. The 10.1 percent return went to one Texas company, the result being an accumulation of more than \$80-million in excess revenues over the five-year period.

WHILE NRECA's overcharge studies have produced vigorous denials from the power companies, they received definite substantiation recently with the admission by the Federal Power Commission that power companies had indeed collected "excess revenues."

FPC's comment came in a letter from its chairman, Joseph C. Swidler, to Sen. Jacob Javits of New

York who had requested an FPC opinion on NRECA's study.

In the letter, Swidler said: "For the entire group of 200 Class A electric utilities in 1961, the (FPC) staff study shows 'excess revenues' of \$495,741,000 or 4.66 percent of total revenues on the basis of 6.0 percent rate of return, \$316,316,000 or 2.98 percent of total revenues at a 6.25 percent rate of return, and \$136,889,000 or 1.29 percent of total revenues at 6.5 percent rate of return."

BROKEN DOWN to the individual rate-payer, the FPC study means that each of the 47-million

and they must wade through incredibly complicated bookkeeping systems devised by some power companies merely to hide their real earnings.

One example is the practice of power companies to keep two sets of books, one for tax purposes and one for rate purposes. By using this method, utilities have been able to collect from their customers, in the guise of Federal tax liability, more than \$1-billion more than they have actually paid in taxes.

The problem faced by most regulators was recently put in perspec-

"in the vicinity of 6 percent" would be "proper."

● The Arlington County Public Utilities Commission said that VEPCO had a rate of return of 7.02 percent in 1962.

● The state commission checked Arlington County's complaint and said VEPCO's return was 6.36 percent. When informed of this, State Commissioner H. Lester Hooker told a reporter: "If they don't go over 7, we don't bother them." He added that he sees "nothing wrong" with a 6.36 percent return.

ARITHMETIC will show that VEPCO could earn nearly 17 percent more with a 7 percent return than with a 6 percent return. But at least one regulator, Mr. Hooker, will not "bother them" for what he apparently thinks is an insignificant amount.

Comments like this point up the inherent weakness in regulatory agencies—that any regulation is only as good as the regulators.

It also strengthens the viewpoint of those who insisted that there must also be regulation by competition. This "yardstick," they point out, can only be provided in the electric industry by a network of strong rural electric cooperatives and other consumer-owned electric systems.

THERE HAS, of course, been action on several fronts since the overcharge report was published to force power companies to bring down their rates. Significantly, in and around Washington, D. C., regulatory commissions have succeeded in achieving rate reductions and citizen groups have petitioned for investigations.

In many cases, however, power companies have not reduced their rates sufficiently or the reductions have been nothing more than promotions for greater power usage. In addition, residential users have not received a cut proportionately equal to the industrial users who can bargain effectively with the power companies.

It will therefore take greater public pressure, a toughening up of regulatory agencies, and strengthened competition if there is to be a substantial decline in the millions of dollars that power companies overcharge the public each year. ◀

Need Is Evident For Strengthened

Regulation, Increased Competition

customers of the nation's 200 largest electric companies are paying more than \$10 per year in excess charges when the 6 percent figure is used.

Although the NRECA and the FPC studies differ in the amount each lists as excess profits because of different treatment of "deferred tax" savings and computations of the rate base, the FPC document backs up what NRECA said in its original study: "Many electric companies now enjoy a rate of return higher than has been found reasonable and fair by their own state regulatory commissions."

Added the NRECA report: "These overcharges . . . constitute income on public utility property above and beyond all costs and reasonable profits. They constitute money taken from the pocket of the American consumer."

ALONG WITH a greater public awareness of power company overcharges have come questions of why state and Federal regulatory agencies have allowed the collection of these excess revenues. One of the reasons, of course, is that legislative bodies have not given enough support to regulatory agencies. Many are understaffed

and they must wade through incredibly complicated bookkeeping systems devised by some power companies merely to hide their real earnings.

IN URGING more money and manpower for regulatory agencies, Gallagher declared, "We ask the impossible when we expect a corporal's guard to analyze the rate schedule submitted by scores of utilities to determine their inherent fairness, to weigh the nuances of rate structure and to safeguard against one class of consumers carrying too heavy a burden."

"The pendulum of control is shifting to the utilities," he warned, "and the state regulatory agencies are powerless to reverse this trend without aid from legislative bodies."

More money for regulatory agencies, however, will never completely solve the problem because there is doubt in some cases of whether the regulators are on the side of the utilities or the public.

CONSIDER this example:

● The Virginia State Corporation Commission established in 1953 that a 5.87 percent rate of return would be fair for the Virginia Electric and Power Co. It allowed, however, that a return

IMAGINATION and a little time can turn ordinary household materials, even discards, into attractive Christmas decorations.

Cardboard tubes, poultry netting, funnels, wire coat hangers, plywood, and the like can be used in making Nativity scenes, snowmen, carolers, Santa with his bag, the sleigh and reindeers, and such Christmas standbys as trees, stars, wreaths, or candles.

These homemade creations, made large scale for outdoor use and lighted with spot or flood-type projector (PAR) bulbs, can be shared with neighbors and passers-by.

A decorated "tree" is probably the easiest to do. The Christmas tree (figure 1) consists of a dozen narrow wood strips, ranging from

3 inches long at the top to 24 inches long at the bottom, nailed to the upper 4 feet of a 5- to 6-foot tree trunk. Use insulated staples to attach strings of outdoor lights to lower edges of the narrow strips or laths.

For indoor use, try making some Christmas candles, topped with small flame-type bulbs (figure 2). Start with cardboard cores from Christmas wrappings, paper towels, freezer foil or waxed paper. Mailing tubes are also useful for this purpose. You can paint or spray these tubes or wrap them with shiny red or green paper.

The electric socket should be anchored securely in the top opening, using a collar of soft molding clay like that used in arranging flowers. Then the candle base may



Figure 1



Figure 2

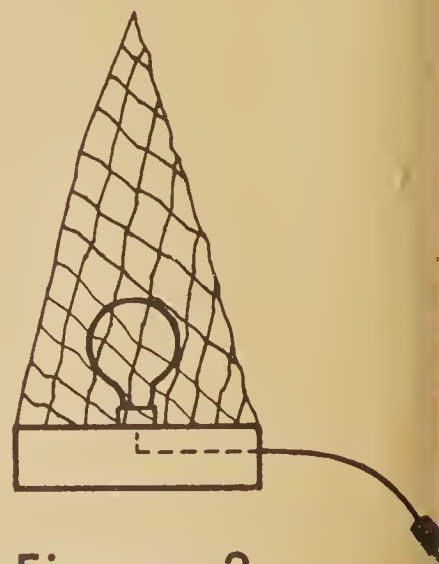


Figure 3

Do-It-Yourself Christmas Decorations

By LOUISAN MAMER, Power Use Advisor, REA

be made from round pieces of plastic foam or wood. Cut a notch in the base for the wiring so the candle will not tip.

A cone of chicken wire, screen or hardware cloth, covered with blue-green angel hair and lighted with a green ceramic bulb placed inside, makes a lovely table tree (figure 3). Your tree can be dressed further with small glass balls or a string of miniature lights.

A jolly Santa to delight the children can be fashioned from household or farm funnels (figure 4), a few empty flower pots, children's play balls or plastic foam balls, and white angel hair. Use a large funnel for Santa's body, a smaller one for his cap. Paint the funnels red and make Santa's face from a ball; put another ball atop

his cap, and tuck a tiny light in his beard.

If you lack the funnels, make Santa's body from an upended flower pot. Use a smaller pot for his face or give him a lighted face by using an ivory, white, or pink bulb with black and red tape features. A white angel hair beard, paper buttons, and a conical metal cap will finish off an unusual and inexpensive Santa Claus.

Foil cutouts make attractive backgrounds for Christmas arrangements (figure 5). Fold and cut fans or half circles of foil with intricate designs, and back-light them with colored light.

Window screen can be cut into shape and scored for folding into numerous types of large or small

ornaments or light shields. Gild or spray paint the finished objects.

Ribbon-wrapped embroidery hoops (figure 6) suspended and lighted, or used around an electric candle for a table decoration, add a bright touch to the home.

On your next trip to the basement, attic, or shed, look for unused objects or waste materials which can be converted into attractive and different homemade Christmas decorations.

Add a light whenever you can to make your do-it-yourself Christmas decorations outstanding, but always make sure that your arrangement is a fire-safe one by using noninflammable materials. And for outdoors, use only weatherproof wiring, sockets, and bulbs. ◀



Figure 4



Figure 5



Figure 6

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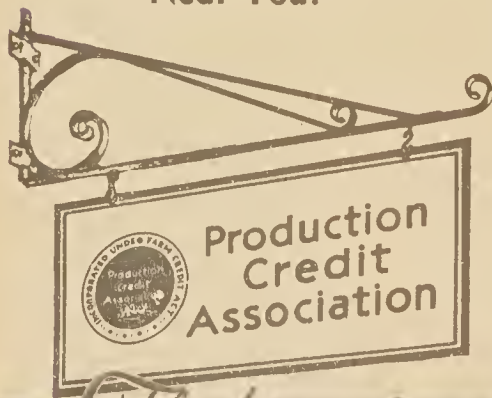
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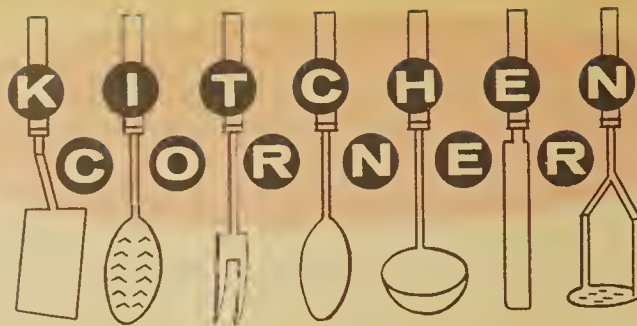
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A member of Wake EMC, Polly writes that "while I try to be a homemaker, mother to two little boys, wife to a 'friendly undertaker,' and secretary to my boss, I am really a dilly at trying new recipes!" The two she shares with you this month are so tempting, we're sure you'll want to try them right away.

To save Mrs. McIver's recipes, just clip along dotted line, paste on a 3 x 5 card, and file in your permanent recipe file.

If you have a favorite recipe you'd like to share through this column, send it to: The Carolina Homemaker, P. O. Box 1699, Raleigh, N. C. If you have a snapshot of yourself, send it along, too. And don't forget to include something about yourself and your family: the size of your family, what pleases them most at mealtime, the clubs you belong to, the name of your EMC, and anything else you'd like to share with us.

CAROLINA FARMER RECIPE

Submitted by Mrs. Polly McIver

Fuquay Springs, N. C.

AMBROSIA SWEET POTATO BAKE

Thinly slice one-half lemon and one-half orange. Alternate with 6 to 7 cups sliced, cooked or canned sweet potatoes (drained) in baking dish.

Combine one 9-ounce can (1 cup) crushed pineapple, one-half cup brown sugar, one-fourth cup melted butter, and one-half cup shredded coconut. Mix and pour over potatoes. Use cherries on top for trim.

Bake in a moderate oven (350° F.) about 30 minutes. Serves 7 to 10 people.

BANANA AND GREEN GRAPE CASSEROLE

4 ripe bananas

1 can or 2 cups green grapes

1/4 cup of sugar

4 tablespoons brown sugar

1/8 teaspoon salt

1 teaspoon cinnamon

1/4 teaspoon nutmeg

2 tablespoons butter

1 lemon

Mix brown sugar and butter in cup. Grate rind and squeeze juice of one-half lemon. Grease baking dish with butter.

Slice layer of bananas and add layer of grapes. Sprinkle with white sugar and spice mixture. Add another layer of fruits and sugar.

Then pour the brown sugar mixture and lemon over all and bake for 20 minutes at 350°. Serve as vegetable with meal.

FAMILY FARE

ERMA ANGEVINE

Coordinator of Women's Activities, NRECA

FEW OF us have the cash to buy a home. Even if you have the money, you don't want to pay out years of savings in one big lump.

Instead you borrow most of the money from a lender—probably a banker or insurance firm—and sign a mortgage. You agree to pay definite amounts at regular intervals until the loan is repaid. You also pay the lender interest. In effect, you're paying him a fee for the use of his money.

Each month you send your lender a payment that includes both some payment on the loan and some payment for the use of his money. When you get your loan, you get a schedule that shows how much of each payment will be principal and how much interest. You can tell on this schedule how much of the principal you have repaid at any given time. This is your capital investment or equity in your home. This amount of money is credited to your account by the lender. It's your capital credit.

RURAL families don't have the cash to build and maintain a rural electric system, either. Instead, they form a co-op and borrow the money from the Rural Electrification Administration. The co-op agrees to repay the money in regular payments with interest. REA credits the co-op's principal payments to its account, just as your banker figures what you've paid on your home loan. This is the co-op's capital credit.

Your co-op gets the money to make these payments from you and other members on the line. It sets its rates high enough to cover the cost of wholesale power, to maintain the lines, to pay interest on its REA loan, and to cover wear and tear on the lines, trucks, and buildings. What's left each year belongs to you and the others who paid for electricity.

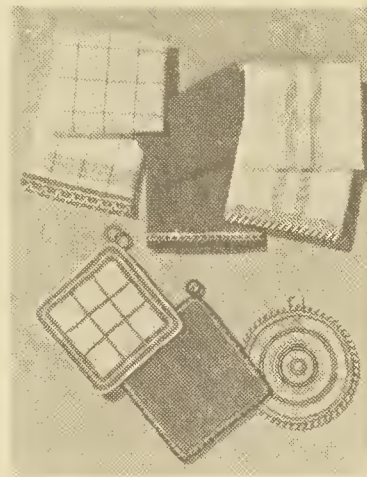
Each member's share is based on the electricity he uses. If your 1962 electric bills were \$500 and your neighbor's were \$250, your share of what was left at the year's end is twice as much as his. You usually can't get your share in cash right away, because the co-op has to repay its REA loan and set up reserves for ice storm, flood or hurricane damage. The co-op adds your share to your capital credit account.

The co-op must repay its REA loan. It also must keep reserves, because its biggest investment—electric lines—can't be adequately insured against rain, snow, sleet and wind.

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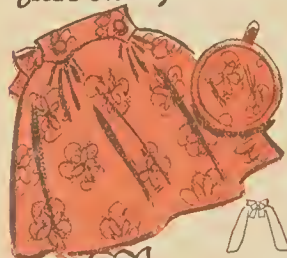


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AROUND THE HOUSE *by Archie Hathcock*



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Already you can rise from your electric blanket, brush your teeth with an electric toothbrush, comb your hair with a brush featuring scalp-massaging electric bristles, shave with an electric razor, and brush your shoes with an electric "shoe boy."

While, as far as you are concerned, some of these new "gadgets" may be impractical, they do point up the versatility of electricity and what it has meant in the daily comforts we now enjoy.

And speaking of the versatility of electricity, make it a point to see the versatile electric handyman tools you'll find in almost any hardware or department store. We think you will find these to be excellent gift items for that "man around the house."

Without trying to list the numerous items that will make useful and practical gifts for the home handyman, let me give you a few suggestions about purchasing and caring for them.

1. When you pick out your tool, make sure that it will fit your needs. For instance, don't buy a $\frac{1}{4}$ " drill even though it costs less, if you know you're going to need a $\frac{1}{2}$ " drill later.

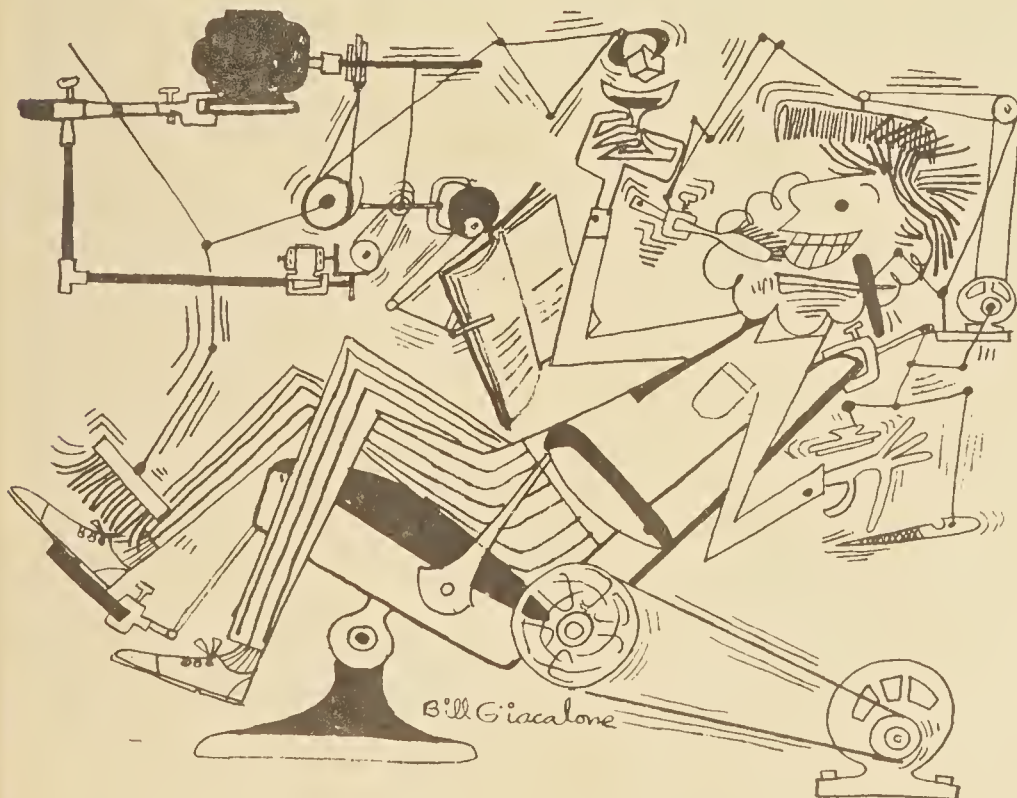
2. Check on whether the tool has accessories that can be used with it.

3. Ask about servicing facilities and length of guarantee or warranty.

4. Provide adequate and safe storing facilities for your tools. A bolt lock on the back of a drawer, made by fastening a bolt or rod down through the back of a cabinet, makes the contents childproof.

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Co-partners in the L & S Manufacturing Co. are, left, Brown Loflin and Dolan Surratt.

With Time for Fishin'

Here's one answer to how to stay down on the farm: Start your own rural industry.

By **ARCHIE HATHCOCK**

"We aren't expecting to become a big company. We just want to stay busy and stay on our farms."

So says Dolan Surratt, partner with Brown Loflin in L & S Manufacturing Company, a concern that makes wooden frames for box spring mattresses.

To Surratt and Loflin, the company is providing an answer to how farm income can be supplemented. Including the two owners—who work there full time—there

are eight employees. All of them except one live nearby on their farms. When the busy season for farming rolls around, production at the plant slows down because some of the employees work only part time.

BUT, SAYS Surratt, "We've reached the point where we're going to have to keep up production throughout the year. We're working five days a week now and turning out 300 frames a day."

"We could do more," says Surratt, jokingly, "but it might interfere with somebody's hunting or fishing."

The company was formed in Denton in January, 1960. From its small building there, it's grown into its present quarters—a 120-by 34-foot building which was erected on N.C. Highway 109 in June of last year.

SURRATT is a farmer and a director for Randolph EMC, while Loflin is an automobile mechanic.

While the pair has managed to keep working arrangements flexible, they've gone all out to mechanize the operation. Loflin has put his mechanical skills to good use and made much of the machinery needed. A band saw for rounding the corners is ingeniously mounted on two automobile rear housings. This enables the band saw to rotate in a quarter circle giving the frame a much smoother rounded corner than would be the case if the frame were turned to a stationary band saw.

Perhaps the most unusual aspect of the operation is the method of heating. The only source of heating is provided by clusters of infrared heat bulbs that are suspended from the ceiling. These clusters, with anywhere from 5 to 12 bulbs in each, hang directly over the workers who stand at the tables fitting and nailing the frames together. Each bulb in the cluster has a pull chain, allowing the worker to regulate for himself the amount of heat needed to keep him comfortable.

SINCE THE company's building is located on the lines of Davidson Electric Membership Corporation, Surratt and Loflin called upon Clell Clodfelter, electrification advisor at the co-op, to assist them with heating requirements. "There were some doubts at first that this method of heating would do the job," says Loflin, "but we're completely satisfied with it. We've proved that it'll do the job."

"Wood or oil burning heaters were out of the question," continues Loflin. "We couldn't get insurance here with that type of heat, and other forms of heating would have been too expensive to install and operate."

Actually the infrared bulbs used for heating fulfill nearly all of the

lighting requirements, too. The only cost for this system of heating was some additional expense in wiring and the cost of the bulbs. "We haven't had one burn out yet," says Surratt, "but we do accidentally break one once in a while."

THE COMPANY has a minimum power bill of \$25 monthly and has exceeded this minimum only during the colder months last winter.

A few things like rounding the edges with a router instead of striking it with sandpaper gave this company an edge over competition in the area for a while. Then their competitors started doing the same thing.

"Now," says Surratt, "we're looking for other improvements that we can make without decreasing our margin of profit."

"And," he continues, "we're constantly on the lookout for some other article that we can make with the equipment we have and add to our line."



Employee David Hunt, left, and Clell Clodfelter, electrification advisor for Davidson EMC, discuss heating comfort as provided by these infrared bulbs overhead.

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Janet Isenhour
Rt. 2, Box 136
Gold Hill, N. C.

A sophomore at Mount Pleasant High School, Janet is 15 and enjoys reading good books and sports. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Isenhour, who belong to Union EMC.



“This question could easily be debated, but, generally, I would say ‘No.’ To me, taking care of someone’s child or children is just like holding a million dollars: You cannot be too careful. I think that the presence of a friend, another girl or boy, would distract you from the job at hand at a time when all your attention and care should be focused on the child you are caring for.”

Brenda Garrett
Rt. 1
Gastonia, N. C.

Brenda is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Garrett, a member of Rutherford EMC. She says she enjoys sewing, cooking, and studying English.

“Definitely not! This is not a social hour, but rather a responsible job for which you are being well paid. Do other employers allow visitors in their offices? No. So why should this be any different? You owe your full attention to the child or children in your care. After all, baby-sitting only takes a small portion of your time; you can always see your friends tomorrow.”

Rebecca Wilson
Zionville, N. C.

Rebecca is fifteen years old and a sophomore at Cove Creek High School, where she pursues her favorite subject: English. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward G. Wilson, are a member of Blue Ridge EMC.



“I do not think a baby-sitter should invite friends in while she is working. With friends around, the sitter probably will not give her full attention to the child as she should. She was hired to watch the child left in her care and not to chat with friends. The parents have trusted the children to her care and she should prove herself worthy of their trust.”

Ava Lou Foster
Rt. 3
Marshville, N. C.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Foster, Ava Lou is 17 and a member of the senior class at Davie County High School. The Fosters receive their electricity from Davie EMC.

NEXT QUESTION

“If your boyfriend doesn’t buy you a gift for your birthday, should you get him one?”

Paulene Brown of Clarkton, Rt. 1, will receive a check for \$5 for sending in this question.

Paulene is 15 and a sophomore at Booker T. Washington High School. Her hobbies are dancing, sewing, and reading. Paulene’s parents, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Brown, are a member of Four County EMC.

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... To ensure the education of your teenager, parents need to pull a few wires: TV, telephone and ignition.

... The trouble with putting in your two cents' worth nowadays is that it costs five cents to mail it.

... If nobody knows the trouble you've seen, you're not living in a small town.

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The senator was campaigning for re-election in a rural area of his state. His long-winded address had been going on and on, punctuated only by occasional gulps of water.

During one of these very brief pauses, an old farmer turned to his neighbor and observed in a low whisper, "First time I ever saw a windmill run by water!"

So There!

A bride tried her hand at some homemade bread because her young husband had talked so much of how wonderful the bread was that his mother baked.

"It's good," he said, tasting the bridal attempt, "but, Honey, you haven't made the bread my mother made."

"And you haven't made the dough my father made," she retorted.

Cured

"I understand that you've been going to a psychiatrist. Do you think it has helped you?"

"Certainly it has. Only a few weeks ago when the phone rang, I was deathly afraid to answer it. And now I go right ahead and answer it whether it rings or not."

Paid Up

The brakes of the approaching car squealed a protest as the unwary pedestrian stepped into its path. The driver glared.

"Why don't you look where you're going?" he shrieked. "You pedestrians cross a street like you own it!"

"Well, young man," replied the unperturbed pedestrian, patting the tax receipt in his pocket, "I've made more payments on this street than you have on your car!"

HALE!



"Do you like animals, Uncle Charlie?"

Sane, Are You?

A man was on trial for an offense, and his sanity was being questioned.

"Have you ever noticed if the accused was in the habit of talking to himself when he was alone?" asked counsel.

"I have no idea."

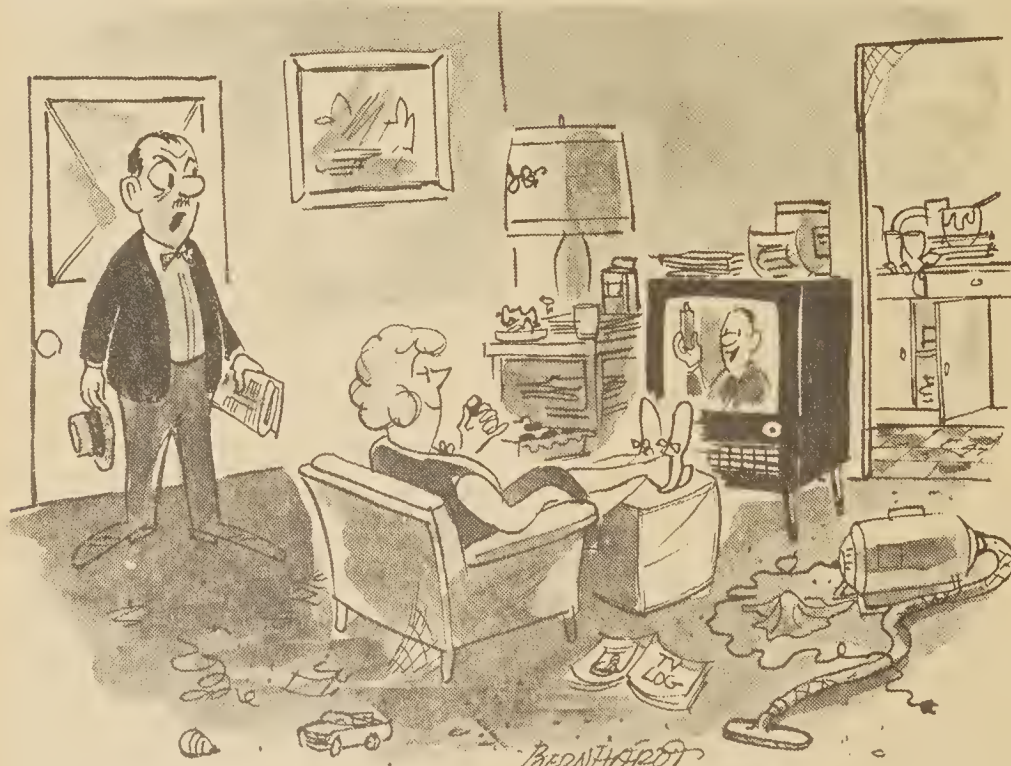
"No idea! But surely you are his closest friend?"

"Yes, but I was never with him when he was alone."

Rear Action

"Why are you coming home with your milk pail empty?" demanded the farmer. "Didn't the old cow give anything?"

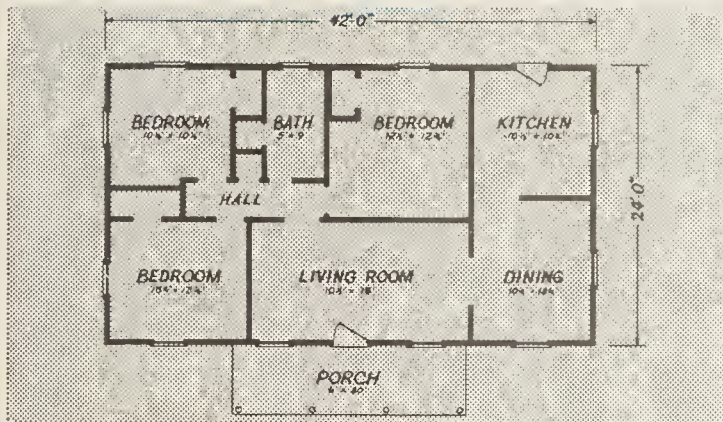
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